

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the captioned Application:

## **LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

Claim 1 (currently amended)      A semi-finished article having an interlinked structure for gold articles, jewelry ~~and the~~ or like ornamental articles, the article comprising at least two chains arranged side-by-side and generally in the same plane, spaced apart from and connected to one another by a plurality of crosspieces extending from a link of one chain to a link of the other chain , the chains and crosspieces having, at least in part, a generally cylindrical cross-section.

Claim 2 (previously presented)      The article set forth in claim 1, wherein the at least two chains are parallel to one another.

Claim 3 (cancelled).

Claim 4 (previously presented)      The article set forth in claim 2, wherein the crosspieces are spaced apart generally equally from one another.

Claim 5 (cancelled).

Claim 6 (cancelled).

Claim 7 (cancelled).

Claim 8 (previously presented)      The article set forth in claim 1,  
wherein the chains are made of different metals.

Claim 9 (cancelled).

Claim 10 (cancelled).

Claim 11 (cancelled).

Claim 12 (cancelled).

Claim 13 (cancelled).

Claim 14 (cancelled).

Claim 15 (cancelled).

Claim 16 (cancelled).

Claim 17 (currently amended)      A gold, jewelry or like ornamental article made from a semi-finished article having an interlinked structure, the article comprising at least two chains arranged side-by-side and generally in the same plane, spaced apart from and connected to one another by a plurality of crosspieces extending from a link of one chain to a link of the other chain, the chains and crosspieces having, at least in part, a generally cylindrical cross-section, wherein the crosspieces are flattened to increase generally the ratio between their exposed surface and their weight.

Claim 18 (currently amended)      A gold, jewelry or like ornamental article made from a semi-finished article having an interlinked structure, the article comprising at least two chains arranged side-by-side and generally in the same plane, spaced apart from and connected to one another by a plurality of crosspieces extending from a link of one chain to a link of the other chain, the chains and crosspieces having, at least in part, a generally cylindrical cross-section, wherein the crosspieces are shaped or deformed so as to generally increase their brightness.

Claim 19 (currently amended)      A gold, jewelry or like ornamental article made from a semi-finished article having an interlinked structure, the article comprising at least two chains arranged side-by-side and generally in the same plane, spaced apart from and connected to one another by a plurality of crosspieces extending from a link of one chain to a link of the other chain, the chains and crosspieces having, at least in part, a generally cylindrical cross-section, wherein their structure comprises an

alternating sequence of links and crosspieces generally aligned with one another , the  
chains and crosspieces having, at least in part, a generally cylindrical cross-section.

Claim 20 (currently amended) A gold, jewelry or like ornamental  
article made from a semi-finished article having an interlinked structure, the article  
comprising at least two chains arranged side-by-side and generally in the same plane,  
spaced apart from and connected to one another by a plurality of crosspieces extending  
from a link of one chain to a link of the other chain, wherein their structure comprises a  
sequence of links with crosspieces that generally extend radially from the links , the  
chains and crosspieces having, at least in part, a generally cylindrical cross-section.